

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and the following remarks are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants note that the Examiner has not acknowledged the receipt of the certified copy of the priority document submitted with the filing of the application on June 20, 2001. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner acknowledge the receipt of the priority document in the next official action.

It is also noted that Applicants have not received initialed copies of the forms PTO-1449 submitted on October 8, 2001, April 21, 2003 and September 23, 2003, respectively. Applicants therefore request initialed copies be forwarded in the next official action.

The Examiner indicates that claims 1 to 22 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 25 of co-pending Application No. 09/885,429. The Examiner indicates as follows:

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the subject matter is similar. For example, claim 1 of both applications are claiming a communication system for transmitting and receiving signal carrying a voice signal indicative of voice information and a tone signal indicative of data. The elements in the claims are almost identical. This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

In response to the Examiner's indication, the applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the co-pending

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Application No. 09/885,429 that would extend beyond the expiration data of the present patent application. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith, this rejection is believed to be no longer applicable to the present application.

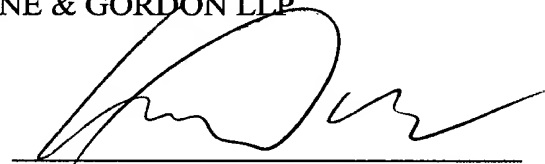
In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33719.

Respectfully submitted,

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